(Prohibition) Act, 1986 and The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956.

Allocation to Indian langauges Development scheme

8399. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for the development of Indian Languages in the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) whether the allocation of funds for this purpose is made on the basis of language-wise areas or population?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) The approved outlay for development of Indian Languages allocated to the Education Department for the 8th Plan (1992-97) is Rs. 68.45 crores.

(b) The allocation of funds is made keeping in view the overall availability of funds and the various schemes approved by the Government.

Imparting education by Navodaya Vidyalayas

8400. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many residential Navodaya Vidyalayas are functioning in the country;

(b) how many of them are imparting education through different languages, language-wise data;

(c) how many of them are imparting education through Urdu medium; and

(d) what are the plans of Government to increase the number of residential Navodaya Vidyalayas imparting education through Urdu?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) 373 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas have been sanctioned in the country, so far.

(b) As per the scheme of Navodaya Vidyalayas teaching upto VII or VIII is imparted through the medium of mother-tongue/regional language of the region in which a Vidyalaya is located. After class VII or VIII the medium of instruction is switched over to Hindi|English in all Navodaya Vidyalayas.

(c) Nine Navodaya Vidyalayas are providing instructions upto class VII/VIII in Urdu medium.

(d) There is no provision in the Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme for opening separate Navodaya Vidyalayas for imparting education only through Urdu media.

Braile books in Urdu

8401. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the instructions for preparation of Braile books in Urdu;

(b) the present position of availability of Urdu Barile books class-wise; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to make available braile books in Urdu?